

HOUSE RESOLUTION 303

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A RESOLUTION recognizing "Think Before You Act Non-Violence Week" in the City of Memphis.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are proud to join in the celebration of days of national recognition; and

WHEREAS, the week of April 4-10, 2010, has been designated by the City of Memphis as "Think Before You Act Non-Violence Week," following a resolution presented before the City Council on March 23, 2010, by Councilman Myron Lowery; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Think Before You Act Non-Violence Week, which was initiated by Apostle Perry Maples of Apostolic Deliverance Temple Ministries Worldwide in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is to raise awareness and reduce crime in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, the creators of Think Before You Act Non-Violence Week are soliciting support from the Memphis City Council to involve the entire city in spreading the word that, even in the heat of the moment, we are each responsible for our own actions, that we have choices, that each one of us must also be willing to accept responsibility for the welfare of our fellow man, and that we truly are our brothers' keepers; and

WHEREAS, among the efforts promoting Think Before You Act Non-Violence Week are the urging of teachers to begin their school day by talking about non-violence and to have a "Stop the Violence" poster contest; the twelve winning posters from this contest will be used to make the 2011 "I Am My Brother's Keeper" calendar; and

WHEREAS, to help promote the vision of the commemoration's creators, local pastors are being called upon to address non-violence to their congregations; and

WHEREAS, Think Before You Act Non-Violence Week's message will be visible during sporting events, on public service announcements, in night clubs, in shopping malls, in neighborhoods, in beauty and barber shops, and wherever the city's citizens congregate; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the creators of Think Before You Act Non-Violence Week that the occasion will raise awareness of the consequences of poor decision-making and encourage young adults to make smart choices; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the members of this legislative body should recognize the efforts and sentiment behind Think Before You Act Non-Violence Week; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby join with the citizens of Memphis in recognizing "Think Before You Act Non-Violence Week", April 4-10, 2010.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.